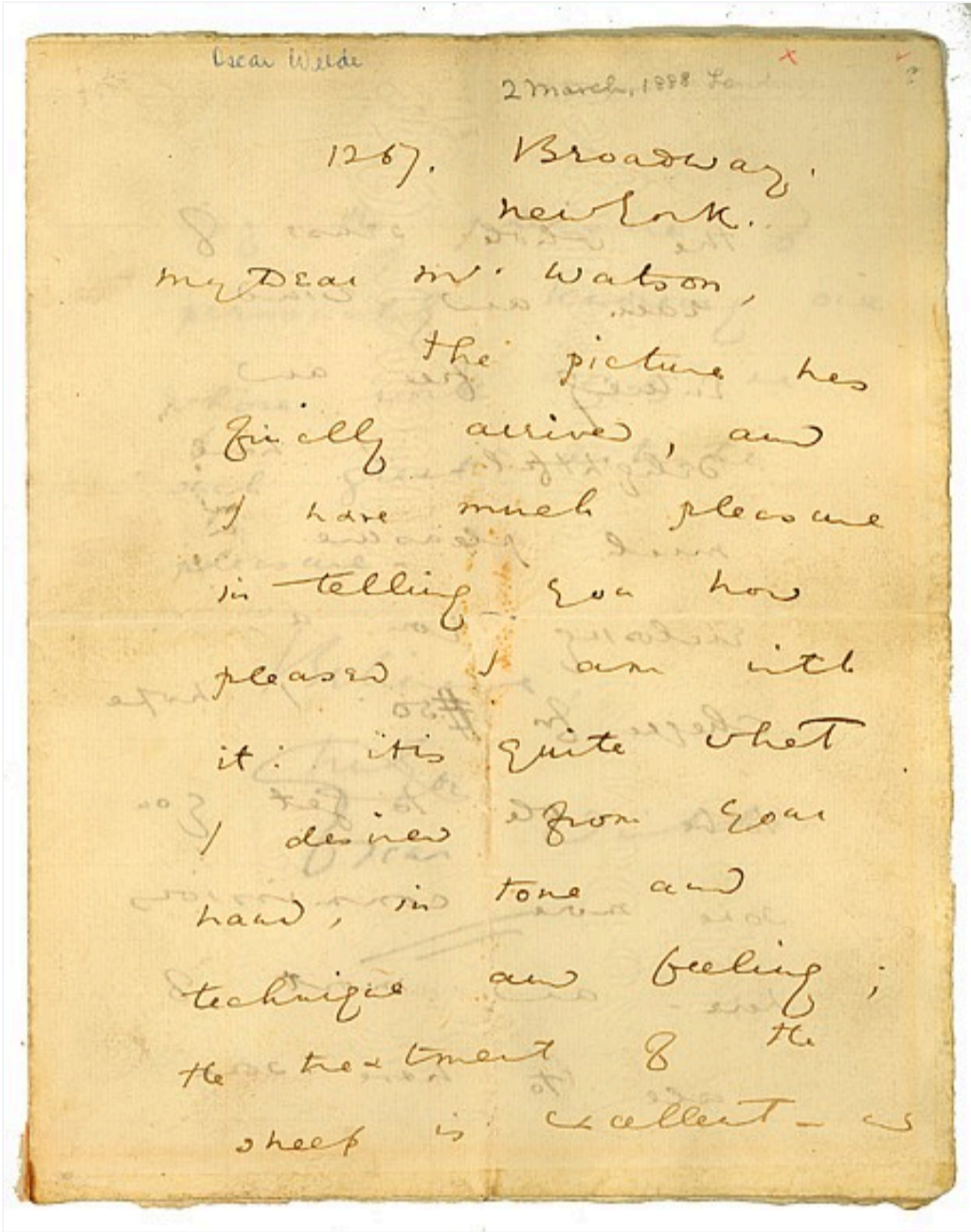


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Description

OSCAR WILDE

(1854 - 1900) Irish poet, wit and dramatist and author of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.
Nice association A.L.S. "Oscar Wilde", 3pp. 4to., Ner York, [n.d. but docketed Mar. 2, 1888], to Canadian painter Hon. J. E. H. MacDonald.

Ransford Watson, in part: "...The picture has finally arrived, and I have much pleasure in telling you how pleased I am with it; it is quite what I desire from your hand, in tone and technique and feeling; the treatment of the sheep is excellent - the whole sense of the rain and wind entirely free and delightful...I hope to be able to get you some more commissions here, and most of all to have some day the pleasure of personally knowing one whose work gives me such great artistic pleasure...". Watson (1855-1936) was known for his landscapes. Wilde met Watson in 1882 while touring in Canada, and dubbed him "The Canadian Constable," comparing him with the lauded British landscape painter John Constable. The two would occasionally meet and write one another. Folds, light soiling, else very good.

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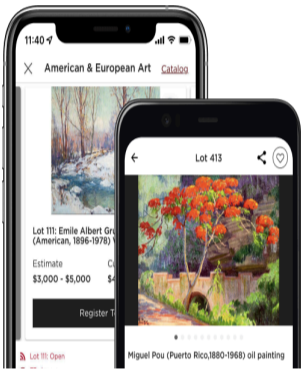
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Dear W. side

2 March, 1898

1267. Broadway,
New York.

My Dear Mr. Watson,

The picture has
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Believe me,
Yours
Oscar Wilde.

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